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## ABSTRACT

*Today, computer networks attacks have continued to increase in severity and sophistication. Data lost and unavailability of network resources due to attacks from internet have negative financial impact on many companies. Unprotected organisation's networks from internet attacks face high risk of data loss and espionage. Network devices that make up network are the most targeted in order to penetrate in companies system as some come with vulnerability from the manufacturer. In this study, network security architecture for server room had been developed for enhancing the security. Further, two simulation models had been developed to compare the throughput for both existing and developed security architecture.*

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## **LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS**

RITA: Rwanda Information Technology Agency

DMZ: Demilitarized Zone

ICT: Information communication technology

LAN: Local Area Network

FTP: File Transfer Protocol

HTTP: Hypertext Transfer Protocol

DNS: Domain Name Service

DoS: Denial of Service

IDS: Intrusion Detection System

IPS: Intrusion Protection System

AAA: Authentication, Authorization and Accounting

CA: Certificate Authority

OSI: Organisation Standard

VPN: Virtual Private Network

VLAN: Virtual Local Area Network

ACL: Access List

TCP/IP: Transmission Communication Protocol/ Internet Protocol

UDP: User Datagram Protocol

DHCP: Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol

# **CHAPTER ONE**

## **INTRODUCTION**

This chapter presents the aim of this project. Background, problem statement and objectives are discussed. Therefore, project scope and the benefit of the project are highlighted as well organization of report.

### **1.1 Background**

Rwanda Information Technology Agency (RITA) is a high powered Think-Tank with the mission to lead the process of creating the Rwanda information society and developing the economy in line with the aspirations of the vision for Rwanda. The Agency's responsibility is to advice the Government on all matters relating to how best Rwanda can formulate, develop and implement its ICT policies, strategies and plans to speed up the process of transforming Rwanda into an information-rich, knowledge-based society and thereafter its economy.

RITA aims at consolidating and coordinates the country's information technology resources in order to realize the larger road-map of the country for the future. RITA coordinates the implementation of the government strategic resource and at the same time, attempts to manage the national ICT procurement and delivery process to ensure that the Government gets value for financial investment, by using ICT to support the delivery of e-Government services to all its citizens.

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